

Remarks

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed March 16, 2009. In response to the Examiner's restriction and species election requirement, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-38, drawn to an apparatus, and the species of rotatable retainers in the track (claims 15, 16), separate piercing arm and traveling arm connection (claim 20), pivot hinge connecting arm connection being independently hinged to the center pivot hinge and moveable (claims 27, 34), radial frame connecting arms hingedly attached to pivot hinge connecting arms (claim 31), and radial frame connecting arms hingedly connected to radial frames (claim 33).

The claims reading on the elected group and species are claims 1-12, 15-18, 20-27, 29, 31, 33, 34, 37, 38. Claims 13, 14, 19, 28, 30, 32, 35, 36, and 39-41 are withdrawn.

Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested. It is submitted that, in light of the above remarks, all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. If a telephone interview would be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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